

THE FAS LETTER

AROUND THE WORLD WITH THE AGRICULTURAL ATTACHE SERVICE

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BERGLAND TAKES OFFICE AS SECRETARY OF AGRICULTURE



Bob Bergland, Minnesota congressman and farmer, was sworn in as the Nation's 20th Secretary of Agriculture on January 23.

Since 1971, Mr. Bergland had represented Minnesota's seventh Congressional District. He was a member of the House Agriculture Committee, and served as chairman of its Subcommittee on Conservation and Credit and as a member of its Subcommittees on Livestock and Grains, and Dairy and Poultry.

The new Secretary worked for the U.S. Department of Agriculture from 1961 until 1968. He was chairman of the Minnesota Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service (ASCS) until 1963 when he became ASCS's Midwest director and for five years administered the agency's programs in that area.

Mr. Bergland owns and operates a 600-acre farm near Roseau, Minn., raising wheat and lawn seed.

Born in Roseau on July 22, 1928, Mr. Bergland attended the University of Minnesota School of Agriculture. He was congressional advisor to the 17th session of the Food and Agriculture Organization Conference in Rome in 1973 and he was a delegate from the House to the United Nation's Conference on Trade and Development in Nairobi, Kenya in 1976.

Mr. Bergland is married to the former Helen Grahn of Roseau, and they have six children and two grandchildren. ■

ATTACHE STAFF IN GUATEMALA RECEIVE AWARD

FAS is among the agencies named in a Superior Honor Award given by the Department of State to "all American and Guatemalan employees of the United States Government in Guatemala City who, at risk to their own safety, distinguished themselves in the performance of their official duties during the period following the disastrous earthquake of February 4, 1976." Working in the attache office following the earthquake were Frank Jack, attache, who is continuing to serve at that post; Benjamin Gallegos, agricultural specialist, now resigned from FAS; and Luz A. de Cabrera, secretary.

Attaches On The Move



Jim Parker is the new assistant agricultural attache in London, succeeding Roger Puterbaugh who was reassigned to Tel Aviv last summer. Jim has been an economist in the Grain and Feed Division since joining FAS in 1973. From 1971 to 1973 he was a traffic management specialist in USDA's Export Marketing Service. Jim and his wife, Mary, arrived in London in late January.

In December, Harlan Dirks, attache in Canberra, and John Davenport, agricultural officer in Milan were in FAS/W for consultation. In early January, Walt Stern, attache in Ankara, also was in the Washington office.

Jim Willis, former assistant attache in Buenos Aires and Caracas, has resigned from FAS to farm in Louisiana and help run his father's farm machinery business.

Verle Lanier, attache in Jakarta, was presented a Certificate of Appreciation at the Second Annual Lembaga Indonesia-Amerika Square Dance Club Party in mid-December. The award read, "in recognition of activity in promoting friendship and understanding between the people of Indonesia and the United States, in particular for: His devoted and valued service to the Lembaga Indonesia-Amerika in training young Indonesians in American square dancing."

The cooperation received from FAS, particularly by the attaches, in collecting plants that might have anti-cancer properties, has been noted by Robert Perdue, Chief of the Medicinal Plant Resources Laboratory at the Agricultural Research Center, Beltsville. He cites the FAS note in his paper, "Procurement of Plant Materials for Antitumor Screening," which is included in the symposium Plants and Cancer, a copy of which was sent to Bill Horbaly, Assistant Administrator for Attaches. ARS advises that copies of the publication are very limited but additional supplies may be available later.



ROME—Pictured at a reception to bid farewell to Frank Piason and greet the Lloyd Flecks are from left in front Lou Menna, Lidia Bertocco, Teresa Trione and Ethelwyn Brown. Back row from left are Elmer Hallowell, attache at the post, Dewey Pritchard, assistant attache, Lloyd Fleck, the new assistant attache, Mary Fleck, Frank Piason, now assigned to Oilseeds and Products Marketing in FAS/W, June Hallowell and Enrico Bruschini.





BOGOTA—The Agricultural Attache Display of American processed poultry products was held last November at the residence of Pam and Al Persi, attache at that post. Commenting on varied American processed poultry products are from left, Pam Persi; Guillermo Alarcon, manager, Pimpollo; Norman Tucker, Shenandoah Poultry Co.; Gabriel Camargo, general manager, Colombiana De Incubacion Ltda; and Al Persi. In picture at left, Norman Tucker, right, points out qualities of American processed turkey products to Mr. and Mrs. Jorge Bloch, owner Supermercados Pomona.



CARACAS—During an administrative visit last fall, Norman Pettipaw, Western Hemisphere Area Officer and Dick Cannon, Director of Budget and Analysis, visit with members of the attache staff. From left are Norm, Jim Ross, attache at that post, Andrea Hungerford, secretary, Dick, and Fernando Rondon. Halyna Linde, executive secretary of the Caracas attache office, was not present.

MONTEVIDEO—Continuing their inspection visit to all South American posts, Dick and Norm visit with staff and friends in Uruguay. From left are Dick Cannon, Mary Rudbeck, Norm Pettipaw, Donna Lee Hersey Sandin, former assistant agricultural attache and now wife of a USIS officer; Jim Rudbeck, attache for Argentina and Uruguay, and Maria and Bob Chase, APHIS veterinarian, Montevideo, who were hosts for the gathering.





CURACAO—Another stop for the two travelers was the Curacao Food Exhibit, where this picture was taken. From left are Harry Bryan, attache in Trinidad; John D. McLaughlin, Jr., L. J. Minor Corp.; Barbara Ross, Jim's wife; and Arnym Solomin, also with the L. J. Minor Corp.

FORMER ATTACHES DIE

Douglas Crawford, former attache and Western Hemisphere Area Officer, died on February 6. Before retiring from FAS in 1974, his assignments included Caracas, Madrid, Buenos Aires, Guatemala and Manila.

Clinton L. Brooke, died in January of this year. During the mid-1960's he worked for FAS as assistant attache to USEC, Brussels, representing U.S. interests relating to food laws and regulations that affect international trade in agricultural products. Mr Brooke was an authority in the field of food science and technology.

DUBLIN—Glenn Whiteman, attache, calls upon leaders of the Irish Farmers' Association. From left are Joe Rea, I.F.A. Deputy President, Paddy Lane, President, Glenn, and Lorcan Blake, I.F.A.'s chief economist.





TOKYO—During the aftermath of the earthquakes in the People's Republic of China, Koy Neeley, agricultural officer in Peking and Lucille Sargent, secretary at that post, were in Japan. Having dinner with Koy and Lucille at the Hotel Sanno, Tokyo, were from left Phil Holloway, assistant attache in Tokyo, and his wife Inge; Ann Bibbo, secretary in the Tokyo attache office; Koy, Lucille and Bill Randolph, also assistant attache in Tokyo.



ROTARY AWARD IN BOMBAY—Rtn. Jawhar A. Thadani of FAS, Bombay (right), Chairman of the World Community Service Committee and Dr. Shanti Sheth (left), Chairman of the Four-Way Test Committee, receiving the Best Committee Shield Award for 1975-76, from Lalit Goculdas, President, Rotary Club of Bombay Mid-Town, District 314.

Retirements Around FAS

Dan Sheppard retired last December after 36 years of Government service, of which the last eight were spent in the Export Trade Services Division. Dan joined FAS in 1958 and during the sixties served as agricultural officer in Milan, assistant attache in Rome and attache in Beirut.

Bill Caras retired on December 31 after 34 years of Federal service. Bill's most recent position was that of representation activities coordinator for the Management Services Division.

Paul Findlen also retired on December 31 after about 34 years of service. He joined FAS in 1956 as assistant attache in Rome and later served in that same capacity in London. Paul's most recent assignment was with International Organization Affairs.

Rosebell Holman retired in early December after about 34 years of Federal service. Rose came to FAS in 1963 and had been most recently assigned as secretary in the office of the Assistant Administrator for Agricultural Attaches.

Amanda Halford had worked for USDA more than 41 years before her retirement in late December. For the past 11 years she had been attache program assistant.

Anneliese Katz, secretary in Sao Paulo, retired in mid-January. She had worked in the agricultural attache's office at that post since 1955.

Other December retirees include four employees in Foreign Commodity Analysis—Marilue Sullivan, Cotton—Helen Habib, Tobacco—Anna Jones, Oilseeds and Products—Marjorie Campbell, Dairy, Livestock and Poultry.



VIENNA—Ambassador Wiley T. Buchanan, left, presented Esther Pittman, secretary in the attache office, with her Certificate of Merit from FAS. At right is Nicholas Thuroczy, attache at that post.

Shirley Grossman was on home leave from Hong Kong before assuming duties as secretary in the attache office in The Hague in late February.

Rebecca "Peg" Adamson transferred directly from Taipei to Hong Kong in December, Peg succeeded Shirley Grossman.

Marie Wells, secretary in The Hague, married Wayne Frye in December and is now residing in Ogden, Utah.

Carolyn Herda was on home leave during the holidays after direct transfer from Seoul to Cairo in mid-1976.

Vi Sullivan, former international secretary, died on October 21, 1976. Vi joined FAS in 1955 and served in Tokyo, Rome, Brussels, Moscow and Manila before her retirement in June 1973.



Carolyn Herda, secretary in the Cairo attache office is shown here enjoying points of interest around her new post.



Thelma Smith, secretary in the Lagos attache office, poses here in an outfit ready for a Nigerian safari.



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